

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN ROY BROWN, on January 19, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 53, 12/9/2008; SB 77,
12/20/2008; SB 79, 12/20/2008

Executive Action: SB 53, SB 77

HEARING ON SB 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 53, Revise trial period for hearing aid purchased from traveling vendor.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:12 Steve Wilson, State Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers (SBHAD)
00:05:42 Eve Franklin, Advisor to the Governor on Health Care Issues
00:06:33 Gloria Hermanson, Montana Society of Ear, Nose and Throat Physicians, (MSENTP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:35 Sen. Schmidt
00:07:55 Mr. Wilson, (SBHAD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:56 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:12 SEN. CAROL JUNEAU (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 77, Volunteer EMT on board of medical examiners.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:46 Erin MacClean, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:15:38 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:31 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:12 Sen. Juneau

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:28 **SEN. CAROL JUNEAU (D)**, SD 8, opened the hearing on **SB 79**, Reduced staffing for certain ambulance transports.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:52 Chairman Brown

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:41 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association (MSFA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:56 Sen. Hinkle
00:28:42 Sen. Juneau
00:29:27 Jim DeTienne, Supervisor, Emergency Medical Services,
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:30:29 Sen. Schmidt
00:31:10 Sen. Juneau
00:31:54 Sen. Schmidt
00:32:00 Sen. Juneau
00:32:25 Mr. DeTienne (DPHHS)
00:32:56 Chairman Brown
00:33:13 Sen. Juneau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:36 Sen. Juneau
00:34:00 Chairman Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53

00:37:02 **Motion:** SEN. LARSEN moved that **SB 53 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:37:18 Sen. Schmidt

00:37:26 Chairman Brown

00:37:48 Sen. Schmidt

00:38:03 Lisa Jackson

00:38:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously. Sen. Lewis voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 77

00:39:33 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that **SB 77 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously. Sen. Lewis voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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